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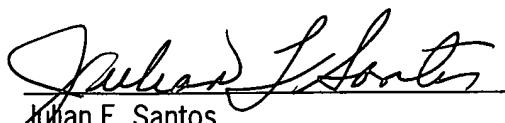
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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application.

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
 - b) U.S. PTO 1449 Form with copies of eight (8) references (2-9);
 - c) Copy of International Search Report dated June 6, 2005; and
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Respectfully submitted,



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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1.	Pering, et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/095764 A1 published 05/22/03.
2.	PCT Publication No. WO 02/086468, published 10/31/02.
3.	PCT Publication No. WO 03/053535, published 07/03/03.
4.	PCT Publication No. WO 03/060446, published 07/24/03.
5.	Sonnichsen, C. et al., "Spectroscopy of single metallic nanoparticles using total internal reflection microscopy", <i>Applied Physics Letters</i> , Vol. 77, No. 19, 2000 , pp. 2949-2951.
6.	Storhoff, J. et al., "Homogeneous detection of unamplified genomic DNA sequences based on colorimetric scatter of gold nanoparticle probes", <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , Vol. 22, No. 7, 2004 , pp. 883-887.
7.	Storhoff, J. et al., "Gold nanoparticle-based detection of genomic DNA targets on microarrays using a novel optical detection system", <i>Biosensors & Bioelectronics</i> , Vol. 19, 2004 , pp. 875-883.

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8.	Taton, T. et al., "Scanometric DNA Array Detection with Nanoparticle Probes", <i>Science</i> , Vol. 289, 2000 , pp. 1757-1760.
9.	Alexandre, I. et al., "Colorimetric Silver Detection of DNA Microarrays", <i>Analytical Biochemistry</i> , Vol. 295, No. 1, 2001 , pp. 1-8.

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The present Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 insofar as an Examiner might consider any of the cited documents important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

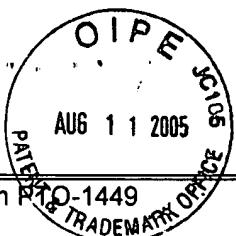
Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

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	1.	2003/095764	May 22, 2003	Pering et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation Yes No
	2.	WO 02/086468	October 31, 2002	PCT			X
	3.	WO 03/053535	July 3, 2003	PCT			X
	4.	WO 03/060446	July 24, 2003	PCT			X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

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